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#### Statesmanship and Politics.

Rev. A. B. Leonard gave some very interesting points on good citizenship and its duties and as to their practical application in an address at the First Methodist church last Sunday evening.

The text of the address was Proverbs, 29-2: When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people

The speaker began his address by saying "We are far enough removed from the heat of campaign and election day to speak freely and candidly upon the question of party influence and power, office without being charged with defending or finding fault with a particular party or candidate for office.

As it is the duty of christian laymen is the duty of the preacher to speak

shal be no conflict between the prishould be no incongruity between our prayer and our practice in the use of the public; when he sells constant attention by a class who make a living out of it. the elective franchise. The christian when his vote is for patronage or towreligion was never intended for home ard patronage.

the standard dictionary is: First, The branch of civics that treats of civil government and the con luct of State government." . affairs in the interest of the peace, prosperity and safety of the people, synonymons with statecraft and political science. In a wide sense embracing the science of government and civil polity.

Second-As political affairs in a party sense. The administration of public affairs in a party sense, so as to carry elections, and secure public offices, synonymous with party intrigues, political wire pulling and trickery.

The first definition, says Carlos Martyn, gives us the realm of the statesman, who studies the science of government, and applies its principles to public affairs, seeking the good of the whole

The second gives us the realm of the politician, who studies the art of getting into office, and profiting all he can at public expense

"The first is a patroit who would serve who is a barnacle attached to the body politic; who seeks to make his country serve him. We all know that bad laws with bad rulers tend to make people bad; good laws with bad rulers become a dead letter; good laws with good rulers tend to make good people." When we consider the law of influence we have an added reason why public men should be of exemplary habits.

Every man in high position politically, commercially or socially is either a

fountain of health or disease. His influence gives life, or poison's life whatever may be his position from the President to a constable. If he is a man unclean in his habits, immoral, intemperate, a frequenter of saloons, the young men will say to themselves, if he can be such a man and be honored, or succeed in business, I can indulge my evil passions and appetites without sacrificing my prospects. If profanity, drinking, or political trickery is no obstacle to his success, these things need

be none to my success. It is supreme folly to teach our boys the importance of honesty in all things, and at the same time give our voice and vote for the support of a man for public tion, in public and private life.

triolism but our boys need to have the emphasis placed upon the importance of declaration first that "To the victors bea clear understanding of what is honor-long the spoils." able and what is disgraceful in a citizen

and an office holder. Paul exhorts every man to pray for those in authority. Prayer was the only means the christians had at that time for securing a better rule. If Paul was living now he would say, vote Mayors." to put good men into office or in authority, and then pray that they may rule well

citizens touching municipal affairs is the liency. reason frequently why undesirable and byon the personnel of candidates for and inefficient candidates secure place that there are so many honest men in on the ticket, and unworthy men secure

A man betrays his citizenship when he fails to take an interest in public to take an interest in civic affairs so it questions and principles, when he fails has produced the corrupt politician, exto inform himself, when he votes a tending from nation to state, from state plainly and positively concerning the party ticket, when he fails to ascertain to county, from county to town, so it duty and responsibility of men, for the as to the character of the man whom he has tempted men to make politics a

The voter betrays himself when he The management of conventions, pri-

"To hell with your laws and good

is the man who can always be depended upon to vote the straight party ticket put up by the organization.

The circle at the head of the party column is simply a device to hold the party trained and whipped voter it if your best citizens were in it? to vote the party ticket and to vote for a yellow dog if on the ticket.

Having given a definition of states manship synonymous with political affairs in the interest of government and politics, synonymous with party interests and personal profit, we will give a definition of a town: "It is a civic litical career. corporation, of which all the citizens are members and in which all have a proprietary interest."

If the corporation is will managed, all gain; if it is badly managed, all lose. The objects (that is the people) for which this corporation exists should dictate its his country. The second is a politician government. Then there are objects ful to pay tribute, gives the position public good; the perservation of order, the enforcement of law, providing to public good. elementary education, securing of sanitation; briefly-safe guarding of life,

liberty and property. nationalities, creed, and calling. If the ment. question be one of church perferment then whether he is a protestant or a the majority of them are with those Catholic has some consideration; who have false ideas of liberty. whether a man is a clergyman or a layman is relevant if a business or ecclesiastic position is in debate or whether he fice. is a republican or democrat is import- It is just as much the duty of a good ant in considering his election to congress or the senate.

But has politics any more to do with mayoralty than the directorship of a bank? Has the tariff anything to do it almost impossible for a man of inwith clerkship of a municipality? Is tregrity, brains, and self-respect to be there any more relation between the republican or the democratic platform cities as well as large ones, against and the board of alderman than there is a bribe giver and a bribe taker—a hale between such a platform and the selec-tion by a railroad company of a con-It ought to be no longer possible for tion by a railroad company of a conductor?

What has creed to do with municipal office? Some one asks why should nearly all the policeman of New York office whomiwe should not place before be Irish? Many of them even preaching that same boy, as one worthy his imita- home rule for Ireland and foreign rule they ought to get together right away.

The following conversation between boys returning from school in New York who were discussing what they would be when they grew up; One little fellow says, I am going to be a policeman; a boy from Hoboken retorted, you can't, you aint fat; said another little ple. fellow, you can't, you aint Irish. And so boys of larger growth have been led to

tion; party relation, party service, personal obligation, etc.

The constitution of the United States vests the right of appointing federal officers in the President. Important positions requiring the consent of the senate. Washington as well as other Presidents and our present chief executive considered the term during good one to an office whom the president considered unfitted and incompetent said Stevens; Corunna Avenue M. E., Mrs. "My personal feeling have nothing to Townsend. do with the case, I am not George Washington I am president." Jefferson declared the only questions concerning a candidate for office should be, is he an honest and honorable man, is he capable, is he faithful to the constitution. So of his successors until president Jackson, who announced that public office was political spoil.

William Marcy of New York has the unenviable fame of having made the

Henry Clay said "It is the most detestable system, drawn from the worst period of the Roman Republic."

Carl Shurz said "It has killed two presidents, Harrison by worry, Garfield by murder; also Governors and

To elect men to state, county or municipal office or appoint them merely because of party affiliation and service is The indifference of many of our best to debauch character and destroy effic-

> The wonder is, not there are few but official positions when we think of the why, and the way they were placed there.

The abominable spoil system in vogue

maries, cancuses and election requiring constant attention by a class of men

"They are only party men as long as party ministers to personal profit. They state. Non-support was the cause of The political traitors are the tax serve God just so far as not to offend complaint and W. J. Parker represent-The definition of politics as given by dodger, the graft taker and giver, the the devil. He belongs to a party he don't care man and the man who says can run. He clamors for tariff, but a By his attorne tariff levied for himself, and if we were to ask him what is the greatest good to The most dangerous citizen politically the greatest number, he would answer, Number One."

> What is the reason we hear prophecies of failure in the noble qualities of manhood when a young man goes into politics. Would you tell him to keep out of

> If there is to be any permanent benefit to the county from the present revolt against political bosses and grafters we must emphasize more and more that personal integrity, dean associations, a fine sense of public duty, are the requisites, not handicaps, to a successful po-

> What sort legislation and law enforcement against gambling, saloons, slot machines, poker joints, etc., can you expect from men who find their most congenial companionship in such places?

The answer of Jesus to those who came to him with a question. Is it lawnot of personal interest only but the of Christianity on these civic questions. Party interests are never paramount

Partyism blinds men to any good in another party.

Partyism keeps good men from stand-And the inhabitants may be of many ing together for better local govern-The indepedent voter is abroad, but

> We are altogether too indifferent about the qualifications of men for of-

> man to shoulder the responsibility for the proper care of the office, as it ever

> was for a man to shoulder his musket. Party prejudice, party power, makes elected alderman in some of our smaller

> booser, bribe taker and vote buyer in politics to be accounted a gentleman and a good fellow in the ordinary walks

If men of Owosso who believe in good government are largely in the majority Our public schools are teaching pa

They ought to give the men of the church a fair chance to do what they want to do.

We ought to have city administration in Owosso which is a unit for the best and most necessary things for our peo-

A council that will give respectful attention to a petition which may reprethink that qualification for office is in sent good sentiment even if it does not matters wholly irrelevant to the ques- represent moneyed interests.

W. C. T. U. Officers. The following officers were elected by the W. C. T. U. at its last regular meeting: Pres., Mrs. Ella Hook; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. C. Mason; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Myron DeVoist; Treas., Mrs. M. E. Densmore; vice presidents (one from each church) Baptist, Mrs. A. Palmer; behavior. Washinton said to a friend Congregational, Mrs Fox; Church of who importuned him to appoint some Christ, Mrs. Mrs. Scharr; Episcopal, Mrs. Frank Greenman; Asbury, Mrs.

#### Calvin Flint Dead.

One of Shiawassee county's best pioeers, Calvin Flint, of Caledonia Twp. died at his home Friday night, aged 80 years, after an extended illness. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon Rev. J. A. Clyde, officiating.

Mr. Flint was born in Shenango, N Y., Feb. 3, 1826, coming to Michigan in 1837, living first in Perry, then in Antrim townships. At an early age he took up a farm in Caledonia township and lived on it until his death. He was an ardent temperance man and an active member of the Baptist church, being, s deacon for many years. He was much interested in school matter. having been an overseer in the town ship for over twenty years. He leaves a wife and a daughter, Mrs. Fred B. Richardson.

### Circuit Court.

Watson & Chapman have began divorce proceedings for Francis A. against Fred Streeter, claiming cruelty.

A decree of foreclosure has been granted Joseph Hershey, of Gorham, N. Y., against Viola E. Marsh on property in Woodhull township, on motion of Kilpatrick & Pierpont, the decree being

Chas., E. Farr was declared by the court to be the owner of property in Owosso in dispute between himself and Ellis de Fare and occas se costs or suit were decreed against him.

Estella B. Brown, Owosso, has been granted a divorce from Richard J. Brown, who now lives in Washington

Johnson, of Coldwater, has asked the circuit court for an injunction to prevent David H. Johnson, of Shiawassee township, from disposing of movable property on the farm which he claims was left to him by the late Jane Johnson and on which David H. is living at present.

The drain case of John Wilds vs. Charles Service, et. al., has occupied practically the entire time of the court during the last week and is not yet completed. The plaintiff claims damages because of a drain and defendant insists that the drain is a benefit.

## McKay-Decker.

The marriage of Miss Ettie Lee Decker, only daughter of Mrs. John Lee Decker, of East avenue, Rochester. formerly of Pittsford, and William Donald McKay, of Yatton Keynell, England, was solemnized at-8 o'clock this evening at Christ Church. The officiating clergyman was Rev. H. S. Gatley, rector of the church. Miss Abbot, of Rochester, presided at the organ.

The bride was attended by her matron of honor, Mrs. Frank N. Holmes. Frank N. Holmes, of Rochester, cousin of the bride, was groomsman. The bride wore an Oxford gray tailor-made suit of mopair, with white mull tucked waist and lavender embroidered collar and cuffs, which were imported. Her hat was light gray chenille and mirror velvet with trimmings of white roses. She was given away by her brother, Frank

R. Decker, of Rochester. The wedding was a pretty but quiet affair, owing to the recent death of the bride's father, and no cards were issued. Ante-nuptial events given by friends of the bride were a tin shower, on Thursday evening, January 25th, by the Misses Martin, at their home at Pittsford; linen shower and supper, by Miss Lelia J. Knickerbocker, Pittsford, and variety shower, at the residence of Mrs. Alice E. Williams, No. 95 Jefferson avenue, Rochester. -Rochester, N. Y., Democrat-Chronicle.

The bride is well known in Owosso, having resided here for a number of years. Owosso friends join in congrat-

The Columbia club was entertained Miss Lena Martin's Tuesday.

## TO THE FRIENDS OF

# PRIMARY REFORM.

Below is a simple statement of what is required of the voters of the EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#### if they desire to put the newly proposed PRIMARY LAW in force. FIRST.

Every friend of PRIMARY REFORM MUST go to his regular voting place on the first Monday in April, 1906, and have his name ENROLLED in the enrollment book of the party to which he belongs. A VOTER WHO FAILS TO BE ENROLLED CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MAKING OF THE PROPOSED RE-FORM OR IN THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ENSUING TWO YEARS.

#### SECOND.

Every ENROLLED voter MUST go to his regular voting place on the second Tuesday of June, 1906, to vote for candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and, if 20 per cent of the qualified voters have previously petitioned the Secretary of State to call an election on the question, THEN they shall also vote whether or not the proposed primary law shall be adopted for the nomination of their Congressional, Legislative and County officers.

If a majority of the ENROLLED VOTERS vote "yes", then, and not otherwise, shall the provisions of the proposed law apply to these nominations.

#### . THIRD.

If a majority of the ENROLLED voters vote in favor of nominating by the Primary, or direct, system as outlined above, THEN every ENROLLED voter MUST go to his regular voting place on the first Tuesday in September, 1906, and vote for the names he desires printed on his ticket for the office of Congressman, and for Legislative and County Offices. The candidates getting the largest number of votes on that day will be declared the nominees of their respective parties, and will be voted for at the regular election to be held in November, 1906.

Failure to participate in the nominations according to the foregoing outline will not hinder a qualified voter from voting at the regular November election.

Failure to enact the proposed Primary Law will mean that the present method shall continue.

Additional details regarding the workings of the proposed law may be had from the Inspectors in attendance upon the various elections.

Sincerely

Feb. 5th, 1906.

J. W. FORDNEY.

### Company H Buys Armory.

By an arrangement made during the week, Co. H will again undertake to become owner of the armory in this city, and Savings Bank, of Flint. The contract calls for the payment of five hundred dollars a year and interest on the balance of the principal. The undertaking will compel the company to make every effort to keep up the payments day. unless the state or national government | Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gerowentertained

## SPECIAL ELECTION

#### Board of Supervisors to Consider Calling One.

A special meeting of the board of supervisors will be held Feb. 17 to consider the matter of submitting to the people the question of voting to bond the county for a sufficient sum to cover the contingent fund's indebtedness. The principal part of the indebtedness is, of course, the amount borrowed to pay for the new court house. There is also a shortage of funds to pay current expenses. The county tax has not been sufficient to pay running expenses and the whole matter will probably be put in the form of a statement so that all will know the exact financial condition of the county and an election ordered to be held at the time of the regular spring election in April.

## Constitutional Convention.

Monday in April, 1906, the question of led him. calling and holding a convention, for the purpose of making a general revision of the Constitution of this State.

The ballots upon which this question will be submitted will be separate and H. B. VanLiew speaks on Rotation of distinct from all other ballots used at

If a majority of the qualified electors, voting at such election, shall decide in favor of calling a convention for the of the Grange in the last legislature. purpose of revising the Constitution, it will become the duty of the legislature at the next session to provide by law for Columbus, Ohio. He has been in the election of delegates to such con- Owosso part of the week. vention whose duty it will be to prepare a general revision of the Constitution, which shall be submitted to the qualified electors at some future time for adoption or rejection.

> GEORGE A. PRESCOTT. Secretary of State.

The industrial school boys at Lausing grew 30 acres of beets last year for the Lausing factory. That the boys did a good job is indicated now by the awarding to them of the second prize for lot, which was an eight acre field.

#### Local News. Miss Annie Osburn was in Lansing

Wednesday. Rev. J. P. Varner, of West Bay City Walter H. Lewis, of Saginaw, visited relatives and friends in Owosso. yester

Six Austrians of this city took out their first papers for citizenship Tues-

the Invincible Whist Club Wednesday

The capital stock of the Union Telephone Co. has been increased from \$500,-000 to \$759,000.

Clark D. Smith, Corunna, has been confined to his bed by illness for the past few days.

Mrs. Warren Pierpont entertained Wednesday afternoon for Miss Riker, guest of Miss Sackrider. Mrs. Emma Moore and daughter were

in Ionia Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Josie Moore, of Cleveland. Charles Tripp, Owosso, and Anna L. Wargonsky, of Saginaw, were married in Corunna, Feb. 5. Rev. Woodhams

H. B. Sturtevant and W. J. Blood attended the meeting of the Retail Lumber Dealers' association at Detroit this

Fred Olmstead has gone to St. Louis for treatment for rheumatism. State At the election to be held on the first Deputy Gillet of the Eagles, accompan-Miss Bessie Bigelow, John Detwiler,

Harold Hume, Ralph Mahaney are among the U. of M. students at home will be submitted to the qualified elec- during the between semesters vacation. The Shiawassee County Pomona Grange meets at Henderson, Feb. 13.

crops; P. B. Reynolds on, Good Roads; Mrs G. T. Mason, on California Roadways; Sen. A. B. Cook, on Primary Reform and A. L. Chandler on The work

A. M. Clapp, has resigned his position at Newcastle, Penn., and may locate at

Miss Georgia Colt entertained a company of ladies Tuesday afternoon in honor of Miss Riker, of Aberdeen, Wash , who was a guest of Miss Jennie Sackrider.

Mrs. S. B. Pitts assisted by Mrs. D. H. Lamb and Mrs. W. L. Parker entertained the Baptist Ladies Aid Society Wednesday afternoon at her home on Hickory street.

Dr. Wrh. M. Jopling attended a meet ing of the Michigan State Veterinary largest yield. Their crop weighed in at Medical association at Lansing this an average of 14.30 tons per acre, only week. Addresses were made by Prof. nine hundredths below the first prize Smith and Waterman and a pleasant day spent at the Agricultural college.